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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT : Exception for [ ] Travel

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1. We are planning to send a team of three individuals on a brief survey trip [ ] as part of a thorough-going investigation of operational potentialities from that area. This team will consist of my Deputy, Mr. [ ] It is expected that they will be in the [ ] not to exceed ten days.

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2. As you are aware, the cost of living - particularly food and lodging [ ] is far higher than in the United States. The standard authorized per diem for temporary duty travel [ ] is \$11.00 per day. It appears clear that this amount will be totally inadequate to support normal expenses of a traveler who would not be housed or fed in military facilities at all times.

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3. The nature of this trip is such that its purpose could not be served by having our representatives completely dependent on military installations. It is desired to have them visit areas where such facilities do not exist; and in some cases where they do exist it is believed that to carry out the mission successfully it will be necessary for the travelers to disassociate themselves from such facilities.

4. Accordingly it would seem that if the \$11.00 per diem rate were enforced for this trip it would cause considerable financial loss to our representatives. Therefore I request that you exercise the authority granted to the Director of Central Intelligence to make an exception in the case of this trip to allow travel to be performed on an "actual cost" basis. I can assure you that there is no desire here to finance a "plush" junket, and the places to be visited can hardly be expected to be luxurious.

5. Concurrence by the General Counsel is attached.

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APPROVED:

/s/ C. P. Cabell

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Chief, SR Division

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